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Great and thanks for looking into that for me!

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Hi Joel

I talked a bit more with our geochemical sub who provided the following key points:

1. Aquifer materials at the proposed injection sites are sand and gravel; we're not talking about sandstone. Bedrock in the area is the siltstone of Monterey Formation.

2. The mineralogy reports that were done showed a variety of things that indicate the unlikeliness of scouring/sinkhole formation. First of all, most of the mineralogy in the Civic Center Gravels (30-40%) is quartz, followed by volcanics. Cement is predominantly montmorillonite (expansive clay).

3. The geochemical modeling that was conducted showed almost no potential for dissolution and a small potential for precipitation; therefore, it's highly unlikely that there will be aquifer matrix dissolution and collapse.

4. The geochemical modeling that was done did look at the potential for dispersion of clays (~20% of soil matrix), and showed there was no potential for clay dispersion.

Hope this extra information helps.

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